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lege. It might be added that Montgomery County, Virginia, donated $20,000 for the new school.

And so began Virginia Tech. It is one of the youngest of Virginia colleges . . yet, as the current football team attests . holds its own with the best. In 1873, Supt. Ruffner reported that instruction in Greek had been dropped . . and the school was off into its venture into training rural boys to love and live by the soil.

In 1891, Dr. John M. McBryde was brought from the University of South Carolina to be president of the college. In a sense, he built modern V. P. I. It was during his administration that the name Virginia Polytechnic Institute was adopted. In April, 1904, he was offered the presidency of the University of Virginia, but declined. Ten years before he had been invited by President Grover Cleveland to become Secretary of Agriculture. He had turned that down. He felt his destiny was at Blacksburg. And indeed it was. He served 16 years. One of his students, Julian A. Burruss, became president in 1919 and served for 26 years.

And thus it is not a long history. But V. P. I. will be putting it on the line next Thursday in its annual football game with the Keydets. I have a hunch that Tech will have its hands full with the boys from Lexington. But, one thing I know . Appomattox's Bill Jamerson will be in there as perhaps the top football player ever turned out at A. H. S. and that win or lose, there are many fine people in Virginia who have a wealth of good feeling toward the splendid job that has been done at old Preston and Olin Institute.

Mrs. Monroe Garrette, Appomattox, handed us the following clipping, and observed that history repeats itself in many respects:

"The poorer citizens have captured the government and have voted the property of the rich into the coffers of the state for redistribution among the voters. Politicians have strained their ingenuity to discover new sources of public revenue. They have doubled the indirect taxes, such as customs due on imports and exports. They have continued the extraordinary taxes of wartime into peacetime. They have broadened perilously the field of the income tax as well as the property tax. One of our wisest says, 'When I was a boy, wealth was regarded as secure and admirable—but now a man has to defend himself against being rich as if it were the worst of crimes.' Athletics have become professionalized; young citizens who once thronged the playgrounds or the gymnasium now exert themselves vicariously by witnessing professional exhibitions. Philosophy has struggles to find in civic loyalty or in a national ethic some substitute for the divine Commandments and the surveillance of God." .The above address was delivered by Socrates in Athens 363 years before Christ and a short time before Greece fell to the armies of Philip of Macedon.

Some Insect Activity Continues, Despite the Cooler Weather

Insect activity is slowing down in Virginia with the advent of cold weather, but there are still a few trouble spots.

Arthur P. Morris, associate entomologist at VPI, reports that three-cornered alfalfa hoppers have been lightly damaging alfalfa fields over the state and causing a slight yellowing on part of the plants.

Meadow spittle bug populations are decreasing as can be expected at this time of year. However, an unusual find was that eggs were still present November 1 in many females.

Almost daily the Virginia Truck Experiment Station at Norfolk is receiving complaints about scale insects on ornamental plants. Most calls have concerned wax scales and Eunoymus scales.

Aphids have been identified as the species heavily damaging willows and maples at Lexington. This is a common species on willows and maples at Lexington.

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VIRGINIANS TO ATTEND NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

Virginia's delegation of 4-H Club members who topped in the various 1954 contests will entrain the day after Thanksgiving for Chicago, Ill. where they will attend the National 4-H Club Congress, November 28 to December 4.

The Congress, one of the highlights of the national 4-H year, features top flight entertainment, tours, speeches by nationally-known figures, and recognition events.

The Virginia 4-H'ers who will attend, and the contests in which they won, are:

Ben Middleton and Margie Ann Sutphin, both of Fairfax and both winners in dairy achievement; Nat Williamson and Caret Williamson, of Halifax, field crops; Earl Bass, also of Halifax, garden; Tommy Laughon and Wayne Turner, Bedford, field crops and tractor maintenance, respectively; Janice Martin, Campbell, garden; Ann Masincup and Jo Ann Smith, Augusta, girl's records and leadership, respectively; James Wilson and Lusby Russel, Fauquier leadership and meat animal, respectfully; George Cather, Frederick, meat animal; Billy Orr, Washington, poultry achievement; Gerald Taylor, Accomac, poultry achievement; Gretchen Woerner, Henrico recreation and rural arts; Betty Jo Trivette, Betty Carol Lioutza, and Lochiel Hughes, all of Dickenson canning, home improvement and laundry; Otelia Westbrook, Nansemond, clothing achievement; Sandra Collier, Warwick, dress revue; Mary Ann Foster, York, farm and home electric; Zona Mae Fairbanks, food preparation; Lelia Gentry, Rappahannock, home improvement; and Phyllis Thompson, Bath, dress revue.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, assistant home agent in Chesterfield, and L. H. Blair, assistant agricultural agent in Fairfax, were the two agents chosen to receive Congress trips this year.

Other VPI Agricultural Extension Service personnel who will accompany the 4-er's are: Miss Eva Minix, and P. B. Douglas, district agents; Dr. W. E. Skelton, state 4-H agent; W. P. Bradley, associate editor; W. A. Turner, associate 4-H agent, and Miss Maude F. Wallace assistant director.

VA. AGENTS NAMED

Several Virginia county agricultural agents have been named to 1955 committees of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.

L. B. Wilkins, Norfolk, is the new chairman of the 4-H Young Men and Women committee. A member of that committee is J. B. Flora, Franklin.

Other Virginia agents and their committees are: J. E. Beard, Fairfax, land grant college; H. B. Eller Smyth, Extension programs; P. H. France, Fluvanna, recognition and awards; and E. L. Wood, Amelia professional training.

Recognized for outstanding service to rural people by the Association this year were: Joe P. Lyle, Lee Agent; D. J. Kelley, King William: and H. B. Powers, Lunenburg.

"OILTOWN. U. S. A." TO BE SHOWN HERE

Rev. Billy Graham, nationally known evangelist and producer of the world's first Christian western film, "Mr. Texas," will be seen in another religious film, "Oiltown, U. S. A.," to be presented here Nov. 26 in the high school.

Rev. F. J. Wingfield, in charge of local arrangements for the showing announced that the picture will begin at 7:30 P. M., with the doors of the auditorium opened at 7:00.

Graham's film features the evangelist and members of his team in their city-wide evangelistic crusade in Houston, Texas. Highlighting the film are scenes from the meeting in Rice Stadium where 60,000 gathered to hear Graham for one of the largest evangelistic meetings in American history.

Featured in the film are professional Hollywood players who have become Christians themselves, including Colleen Townsend Evans Georgia Lee, Paul Power, Robert Clarke and the stars of "Mr. Texas," Redd Harper and Cindy Walker.

"Oiltown, U. S. A." is in natural color and is approximately ninety minutes in length.

Rev. Wingfield pointed out that there is no charge for admission and that the 500 seats at the school will be on a "first come" basis.

Subscription rate: $2.00 a year payable in advance.

Kansas City to get the Philadelphia Athletics baseball team.

Appomattox is a growing town.

It's Time To Treat Sheep For Worms

It's time to treat sheep for nodular worm infestations.

George A. Allen, Jr., sheep specialist at VPI, says drenching the entire flock with phenothiazine in late fall is the best means of control. Nodular worms do their damage by burrowing into intestinal walls. Infection or knots result and may lead to digestive disorders or even death of the sheep.

Many good sheep producers follow the practice of "crutching" and shearing the heads of their ewes. This means shearing off the wool around the rear quarters and udder to help the sheep keep clean and make it easier for lambs to nurse.

Wool is clipped off the rear quarters of the ewes will bring lambs that are more vigorous and will stay active and be less subject to develop sore foot.

Allen says to do all of the shearing at least 30 days before lambing time.

Tax Notice

All tax bills have been mailed and please be sure to pay your taxes on or before December 5, 1954, as to save the 5 percent penalty which is added to all unpaid tax bills after this date. You save considerable by paying your taxes before penalty is added.

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WRESTLING IN LYNCHBURG

Georgeous George will make an effort to get his name in the record books of the Southern wrestling alliance in Lynchburg Thursday night when he teams with Frank Jares in an Australian tag team match with the Becker Brothers, holders of the Southern crown. It will be the "gorgeous one's" first appearance as a tag team member in Lynchburg.

The match also has added significance inasmuch as it pairs Jares and George Becker, a pair of grapplers who engaged in last week's riotous semifinal match on opposite sides of the fence again. Before last week's match was over, referee Jim Cofield, a spectator and three police officers were involved in the proceedings and 3,700 other spectators set up a tremendous clamor outside the ring.

Bobby Becker, the taller of the two brothers, was discharged from a Charlotte hospital last week-end after being forced to pass up an engagement in Lynchburg because of a head injury.

Jares had his head split open when Becker slammed him into a ring support last week, but he is reported in good shape, too.

The program also will introduce two more new grapplers to Lynchburg. They are Prince Omar Khayam, a Persian, and Tommy Nilan, an Australian.

The Persian prince is scheduled to take on New York's Ace Freeman, who is returning after an absence of several months.

Nilam, a highly recommended Australian from Sydney, takes on Al Cortez, the Mexican badman, in a single fall match.

Interest Quickens In Use of Antibiotics on Plants

Farmers are showing increased interest in the use of antibiotics as controls for plant diseases, says S. B. Fenne, plant pathologist at VPI.

The antibiotics, known for several years as valuable in human disease control will be tried on some crops in Virginia this coming year.

Meanwhile, Fenne reports that a streptomycin - terramycin combination is giving promising results in control of fireblight on pear and apple trees. This material will probably be marketed if final results are up to expectations.

In other tests halo blight of beans previously considered incurable, has been stopped and prevented with a water spray containing 1% streptomycin sulfate.

Streptomycin is also being tried against walnut blight, tomato canker, bacterial canker, and bacterial spot of stone fruit, angular leafspot of cotton, crown gall, olive knot and bacterial spot of begonias.

In addition to control of bacterial diseases affecting cotton and tomatoes, possible forthcoming developments also include the use of antibiotics on peaches, spinach, lettuce, and tobacco.

Latest count shows that the proposed constitutional amendment in Virginia may have lost by 1,000 votes in recent election.

Eisenhower invites Democratts to foreign policy discussion.

DECLARE FOR UNION

Richmond, Va.- Three outstanding Southern Presbyterian leaders have gone on record publicly for the first time in favor of the proposed union of the three major Presbyterian bodies in America.

They are: President Ben R. Lacy, of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia; President Emeritus James Ross McCain of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga.; and Dr. Edward D. Grant, directoy of institutions of the State of Louisiana, in Baton Rouge.

In their statements, in the current issue of The Presbyterian Outlook published here, these men give their reasons for favoring the union of the churches, divided for nearly 100 years. The Presbyterian U. S. A. Church and the Presbyterian U. S. (Southern) Church divided at the time of the Civil War. The United Presbyterian, smallest of the three in the negotiations, split off long before in Scotland.

VIRGINIA FAMILIES GET INSURANCE BENEFITS

Virginia families received $26,562,000 in life insurance death benefit payments in the first nine months of this year, compared with $24,412,000 in the corresponding period of last year, the Institute of Life Insurance reported today. The number of policies becoming claims in the first nine months was 25,549, which compares with 24,956 in the corresponding period of 1953.

"The tremendous rise in life insurance buying and the increase in ownership since World War II are reflected in these current payments," Holgar J. Johnson, Institute president, said in announcing the figures. "For the country as a whole, death benefits paid in the first nine months of this year were $52,671,000 greater than in the corresponding period of last year and 59 per cent more than in the first nine months of 1945. The health record among policyholders has actually improved in the nine years since 1945, but life insurance ownership has increased about 115 per cent in these years."

Death benefit payments in this state in the first three quarters of 1954 compare with $15,721,000 in the corresponding period of 1945.

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